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Re: **Title IV-E Eligibility and Reimbursability Policy Manual** Release 05-01

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The following policy additions or changes are effective 10/1/05, unless otherwise noted. **Bold text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.**

**UPDATED  
SECTIONS  
OVERVIEW**

**The following sections were edited in this release: 6.4 and Appendix B (page 49).**

**POLICY  
CHANGES**

See Below

**6.4**

A voluntary placement agreement (VPA) is a signed written agreement between the agency and the parent(s) or the legal guardian(s) of the child, ~~and the~~ **with the consent of the** child if the child is aged 12 years or older, which is binding on all the parties to the agreement, and is a revocable agreement. It specifies the legal status of the child and the rights and obligations of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the county agency while the child is in out-of-home care.

**Appendix B  
Definitions (pg 49)**

"Voluntary placement agreement" or "VPA" is a signed written agreement between a child welfare agency and the parent(s) or the legal guardian(s) of the child, which is binding on all the parties to the agreement, and is a revocable agreement. A child aged 12 years of age or over must also agree **consent** to the agreement.